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MANUFACTURING A THIN-WALLED  
ARTICLE

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.116

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 29, 2003 (Paper No. 9), please amend the application as follows:

In the Claims

Claims 1, 7, 8 and 22 were amended as follows.

1. (Amended) A method for manufacturing an article, comprising:  
providing a polymer-based material (1), wherein the material (1) is a multi-component polymer-based material comprising ingredients (1a, 1b) that are individually heated by a heating unit and mixed together;

spraying the polymer-based material in an electrically charged state into an electrical field (E) onto a three-dimensional mould (2) with a single-spray processing unit to form a coating on the mould, which is not grounded; and

removing the article from the mould (2) following sufficient curing of the coating.

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